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Public Act No. 10-166

***AN ACT CONCERNING EXPANSION OF THE PRIMARY CARE
CASE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 17b-307 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, [not later than November 1, 2007,] the Department of Social Services shall develop [a plan to] and implement a pilot program for the delivery of health care services through a system of primary care case management to not less than one thousand individuals who are otherwise eligible to receive HUSKY Plan, Part A benefits. [Such plan shall be submitted to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. Not later than thirty days after the date of receipt of such plan, said joint standing committees of the General Assembly shall hold a joint public hearing to review such plan. Said joint standing committees of the General Assembly may advise the commissioner of their approval or denial or modifications, if any, of the plan.] Primary care providers participating in the primary care case management [system] pilot program shall provide program beneficiaries with primary care medical services and

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arrange for specialty care as needed. For purposes of this section, "primary care case management" means a system of care in which the health care services for program beneficiaries are coordinated by a primary care provider chosen by or assigned to the beneficiary. The Commissioner of Social Services shall begin enrollment for the primary care case management system not later than April 1, 2008.

(b) The Department of Social Services shall expand the pilot program for the delivery of health care services through the primary care case management system, as described in subsection (a) of this section, to include primary care providers in the towns of Torrington and Putnam. Not later than July 1, 2010, the department shall expand the pilot program to include the town of Putnam. Not later than October 1, 2010, the department shall expand the pilot program to include the town of Torrington. The Commissioner of Social Services may seek a waiver from federal law for the purpose of expanding the primary care case management system pursuant to this subsection.

(c) Not later than July 1, 2011, the commissioner shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on the expansion of the pilot program.